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Year ending November 30, 1927



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The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were \$125,680.31. It appears, therefore, that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth \$335,953.89 over the office expenses.

### COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1927, was 3,287 (a decrease of 448 from the preceding year), of which 251 were without fee and 52 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public . . . . .	2,372
Justices of the peace . . . . .	617
Special district police officers . . . . .	23
Trustees, commissioners, etc. . . . .	121
Public warehousemen . . . . .	21
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	21
Public administrators . . . . .	8
Masters in chancery . . . . .	16
Medical examiners . . . . .	13
Clerks, municipal and district courts . . . . .	26
Commissioners in other States . . . . .	5
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts . . . . .	15
Associate medical examiners . . . . .	13
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	3
Trial justices . . . . .	3
Commissioners to qualify public officers . . . . .	3
Ballot Law Commissioner . . . . .	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea . . . . .	1
Finance Commissioner, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Commissioners in Foreign Countries . . . . .	2
Police Commissioner, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Member Governor's Council . . . . .	1
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Certificates to the number of 7,397 were issued, of which 901 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

### CORPORATION DIVISION (Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1927, was 2,710—an increase of twenty-two as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926. They were classified as follows:—

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,363
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	187
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	23
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	22
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	100
Co-operative banks (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	2
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	6
Assessment insurance company (under General Laws, chapter 177, section 4)	1
Trust companies (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	4
Water company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9)	1
Street railway company (under General Laws, chapter 161, section 136)	1



The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 20,047—an increase of 672 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926. Of these, 15,312 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,363 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 187 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 685 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 27 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,041, of which 1,941 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 11 other classes.

There were issued 30 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 31 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 22 cases, 8 charters declared void, and 8 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was refused and one application withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 11 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 3,069 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—an increase of 364 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926.

#### LABELS, TRADE-MARKS, ETC. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 215 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 37 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

#### INSIGNIA OF SOCIETIES AND LABOR UNIONS (Room 337)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

#### MARKS AND DEVICES ON CANS, ETC. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law one such description was received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 24 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

#### VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1926, which were received in 1927,

cover 83,502 births, and 30,584 marriages, a decrease of 2,512 births and 654 marriages, as compared with the returns for 1925.

Under the provisions of the same law 52,888 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926, an increase of 998 as compared with the returns of 1925.

Medical examiners' returns for 1926 cover 7,648, a decrease of 41 as compared with the returns for 1925.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1926 number 4,044, an increase of 157 as compared with the returns for 1925.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1926 (Public Document No. 1), and available August 1, 1927.

During the year 2,270 certificates of birth, 851 certificates of marriage, and 759 certificates of death were issued, a total of 3,880. Fees received from these certificates amounted to \$676.25.

4,859 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and pension purposes were issued without charge.

There were 5,997 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 38 corrections of marriage and 62 corrections of death records were also received.

#### NATURALIZATION RETURNS

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 2,329 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1926, an increase of 730 as compared with the returns of 1925. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

#### CHANGES OF NAMES OF PERSONS

The returns of 1,320 names, changed in 1926 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

#### ARCHIVES DIVISION (Room 438)

The Chief of the Archives Division respectfully reports as follows:

That 203 military certificates, 41 typewritten copies, and 1,016 photostatic copies (totalling 24,906 prints) of legislative records and files, manuscripts, maps, corporation records, finger prints, soldiers' discharges, World War diaries, etc., have been made during the past fiscal year, and the following fees received: military certificates, \$203; typewritten copies, \$39.30; and photostatic copies, \$4,406; totalling \$4,648.30.

#### *Reproduction of Archives*

Proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with increasing demand for photostatic work.

#### *Photostat*

Constantly employed reproducing archives, maps, manuscripts, corporation records, etc.

#### *World War Records*

Diaries and other papers have been photostated for the History Commission. (Chap. 510, Acts of 1924.)

#### *Rebinding of Archives*

Owing to unsettled conditions no volumes have been bound this year.

#### *Further Protection of the Archives*

Owing to there having been three fires within a few years in that portion of the State House in which the Archives (from 1625 to date) are located, effective measures should be taken for further safeguarding the greatest collection (from a legal and historical standpoint) in America. With the

lessons of New York and West Virginia before us (in which the Archives and State Library were practically destroyed), a collection which cannot be replaced and commercially is worth at least two million dollars should be guarded carefully.

*House Journals, 1715-1780*

Vol. VIII, 1727-1728, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 413, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 164, Acts of 1922.)

*Vital Records to 1850*

Groton (marriages and deaths) and New Salem, compiled by Essex Institute, and Nantucket (marriages, 2 vols.), compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 199, Acts of 1922).

PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION (Room 118)

During the year 1927 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 59,815 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 72 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 10,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 10,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 254, 255 and 256, total, 1,362 copies; 700 copies of the Sixty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R. 1927; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1925; 1800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1926; 800 copies of the Annual Proceedings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1926; 350 copies each of Nantucket Marriages, Vols. 3 and 4, Groton Marriages and Deaths, Vol. 2, and New Salem Vital Records, total, 1,400 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 8, 1727-29; 5,000 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 4,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, 1927; 50 copies of the 1926 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 1,022 copies each of Volumes 1 and 2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts; 2,500 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 50 copies of the Third Annual Report of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Dec., 1926, which copies were received from the City of Boston; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1927-28; 8,000 copies of the Condensed Summary of Laws Relative to Innholders and Common Victuallers, 1927; 5,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1927,—making a grand total of 124,699 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

In addition to the above, there were distributed 9,500 copies of "Dangerous Weapons" posters, which posters were printed in the following languages: English, French, Italian, Polish, Russian, German, Yiddish, Portuguese, Swedish and Greek.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS (Room 252)

*Inspections*

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns, have been made during the year 1927 in the following 187 places: Abington, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Ashland, Auburn, Barnstable, Becket, Bedford, Beverly, Billerica, Bourne, Boxborough, Boxford, Boylston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Burlington, Carlisle, Charlton, Chatham, Chelmsford, Cheshire,



Chicopee, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Concord, Conway, Danvers, Dartmouth, Deerfield, Dennis, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Eastham, Easthampton, Easton, Edgartown, Essex, Fairhaven, Falmouth, Framingham, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Grafton, Greenfield, Groveland, Hamilton, Hampden, Hancock, Hanover, Harvard, Harwich, Holland, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Ipswich, Kingston, Lee, Leicester, Lexington, Littleton, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Lynnfield, Manchester, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marion, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleton, Milford, Millbury, Millis, Montague, Nahant, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, New Bedford, Newbury, Newton, Norfolk, North Adams, North Brookfield, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northbridge, Northfield, Norton, Norwell, Oak Bluffs, Oakham, Orleans, Otis, Oxford, Paxton, Peabody, Pelham, Peru, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Prescott, Provincetown, Reading, Rochester, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Sandwich, Saugus, Sherborn, Shrewsbury, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Southwick, Spencer, Sterling, Stoneham, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Swampscott, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Topsfield, Truro, Tyngsborough, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Ware, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Watertown, Webster, Wellesley, Wellfleet, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield, West Newbury, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westborough, Westfield, Westhampton, Westport, Whately, Whitman, Wilbraham, Wilmington, Winchester, Windsor, Worcester, Yarmouth.

The inspections made by the Supervisor of Records, under the provisions of the General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, show improved conditions in the care and protection of the public records.

During the year about 25 vaults and 12 safes have been approved by this office.

### *Fires*

Nearly every year there is a fire which endangers some of the public records; during this year there have been four such fires.

The early morning of April 10, the interior of the Fall River Technical High School was destroyed by fire, leaving the brick walls standing; a few of the teachers' registers were lost; all school records were saved.

On April 12, fire slightly damaged room 36, on the third floor, City Hall, Boston, occupied by the Street-Laying Out Department. The top and sides of a drafting table were charred and a few blue print plans in racks were damaged but could be replaced by joint working drawings.

An early morning fire, October 19, destroyed the Hingham High School Building; school records and valuable papers were saved.

An early morning fire, October 31, starting in the basement of the Saugus Town Hall, caused by spontaneous combustion in a pile of coal, damaged the building to the extent of several thousand dollars; no records were lost.

### *Flood*

November 4th, the town of Becket was severely damaged by flood. The residence of the Town Clerk was washed away and the town safe was lost; also the town seal and some of the Selectmen's orders. Original certificates of births, marriages and deaths from 1914-1927, inclusive, went down with the flood. A few days later a folder of the certificates of births was found wet, but perfectly legible.

### *City Halls*

No new city halls have been built during the year. Westfield Gas and Electric Light Department has erected a new vault in the building occupied by them.

### *Town Halls*

The new town halls at Somerset, Spencer, Lexington, Northfield and Norwood, are nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. Gos-



nold's new Town Hall is completed and occupied by all departments. Alterations have been made in the town halls at Dracut and Billerica, by the construction of new vaults. Plans are being prepared for new town buildings at Weymouth and Winthrop.

### *Court Houses*

Berkshire County is erecting an annex to the present Court House at Pittsfield. Norfolk County has constructed a new vault for the County Treasurer, in the basement of the Court House at Dedham.

### *District Courts*

The District Court of Northern Essex at Haverhill has moved into its new quarters. The District Court of Second Southern Worcester at Uxbridge will soon move into its new quarters at Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge.

### *Repairing and Binding*

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the city of Salem, towns of Mansfield, Foxborough, Winchester and Stockbridge; for the Registries of Deeds and Probate for the County of Bristol at Taunton, and Registries of Deeds at Plymouth and Northampton; plans bound and mounted for the town of Hull, Registries of Deeds for the Counties of Barnstable, Dukes, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex and Plymouth.

### *Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads*

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with the promoting or opposing of legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 210 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 30 compared with 1926.

Returns covering 209 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations or associations employing legislative counsel or agents. One failed to file a return and was therefore reported to the Attorney General. In addition to these, three returns were received from employers whose names had not been previously registered in the docket. Thirty-five returns appeared to be irregular or defective, twenty-seven of which were later corrected. It therefore was necessary to report the remaining eight returns to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was \$62,727.75, in addition to this \$5,400 represents annual salaries or retainers apportioned and \$44,100 unapportioned. Twenty-three employers stated that they paid nothing.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were given public distribution to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day and Forest Protection Week 12,000 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1927, 1,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches and schools. To commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Washington spending the winter with his army headquarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 11,000 proclamations were printed and sent to churches, schools, patriotic societies, postmasters, institutions and city and town clerks. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9, and 6,150 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1927, 11,000 proclamations were distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued by the Governor to the press in observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 10 to 16, 1927. The Governor also issued proclamations to the press suspending the open season for fishing April 14, 1927, and proclaiming the open season for fishing April 23, 1927.

#### RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of respites and extensions thereof from death sentence made out and issued during the year was 8; requisitions upon other States, 269; upon the Secretary of the United States Navy, 2; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Washington, D. C., 2; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; and warrants were issued upon requisitions from other states, 39.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1927: Department of Agriculture; Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Works.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

# RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
<b>1927</b>				
Jan. 3	Lynn	Prevention of fires, 1872, 243.	Accepted	Oct. 5, 1875
Feb. 4	Medford	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Feb. 2, 1927
Feb. 18	Shrewsbury	Removal of snow and ice, G. L. 40, § 7 and G. L. 85, § 6	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1927
Feb. 21	Milton	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	June 12, 1923
Mar. 8	Leicester	Public parks, G. L. 45, §§ 1-9	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1927
Mar. 10	Leicester	Building lines, G. L. 82, § 37	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1926
Mar. 16	Leicester	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1927
Mar. 25	Westwood	Board of survey, G. L. 41, §§ 73-81	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1927
Mar. 26	North Andover	Civil service for call firemen, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1927
Apr. 4	Leominster	City offices, G. L. 39, § 7	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1927
Apr. 8	Weston	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1927
Apr. 13	Weston	Annuities to families of police, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1924, 504, § 3	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1927
Apr. 13	Worcester	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Apr. 6, 1927
Apr. 27	Arlington	Licenses for slaughter houses, 1924, 496, § 2 (G. L. 94, § 120A)	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1927
Apr. 27	Arlington	Permits for smoke nuisance, G. L. 140, §§ 132-136	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1927
May 3	Malden	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1927
May 4	Hudson	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1927
May 24	Hull	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32-47	Accepted	May 2, 1927
June 27	Dracut	Playgrounds, G. L. 45, § 15	Accepted	June 22, 1927
June 30	New Bedford	Reserved spaces in public ways, G. L. 82, § 34	Accepted	June 23, 1927
July 6	Springfield	Days off for police, 1927, 304 (G. L. 147, § 16)	Accepted	June 31, 1927
July 15	Salem	Establishment of precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	May 31, 1927
Aug. 15	New Bedford	Assessment of poll taxes and making certain lists in cities, 1925, 183 (G. L. 51, § 14A)	Accepted	May 26, 1927
Nov. 11	East Longmeadow	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Aug. 12, 1927
Nov. 14	Randolph	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Feb. 13, 1924
Dec. 2	Shrewsbury	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Nov. 14, 1927
Dec. 14	Arlington	Election and appointment of town officers, P. S. 27, §§ 64-68	Accepted	Nov. 29, 1927
Dec. 22	Walden	Annuities to families of police, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1924, 504, § 3	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1893
Dec. 22	Webster	Retirement on pension of civil war veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 52 & 53	Accepted	Dec. 19, 1927
Dec. 24	Brookton	Establishment of purchasing department, G. L. 41, § 104	Rejected	Nov. 28, 1927
				Dec. 6, 1927

When received	From whom received	TITLE OF ACT	Date of Action	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1926 Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Grafton	An Act to enable the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to acquire and hold the securities and properties of the New England Investment and Security Company, of the Springfield Railway Companies, of the Springfield Street Railway Company and of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company (1926, 371)	Nov. 15, 1926 Nov. 15, 1926	-1 -1	-
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Northbridge	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 18, 1926	-1	-
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Millville	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 19, 1926	-1	-
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Southborough	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 22, 1926	-2	-
Dec. 14	City Clerk, Leominster	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 18, 1926	-2	-
Dec. 14	City Clerk, Westfield	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 29, 1926	-1	-
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Longmeadow	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 2, 1926	-1	-
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, East Longmeadow	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 2, 1926	-1	-
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Russell	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 3, 1926	-1	-
Dec. 14	Secretary, Board of Selectmen, Huntington	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 3, 1926	-1	-
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Agawam	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 6, 1926	-2	-
Dec. 14 1927	City Clerk, Springfield	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 16, 1926	-2	-
Jan. 13	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act authorizing the city of Woburn to compensate Philip H. Doherty for damages sustained by the taking of certain land in said city (1926, 178)	Dec. 20, 1926	-	- <sup>3</sup>
Jan. 13	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to submitting to the voters of the city of Melrose the question of authorizing the issue of certain bonds or loans (1926, 75)	Mar. 15, 1926	-1	-
Jan. 17	Town Clerk, Methuen	An Act placing under civil service the clerical employee of the board of selectmen of the town of Methuen (1926, 49)	Mar. 14, 1927	-4	-
Mar. 21	Assistant Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act to authorize the town of Wilmington to supply itself and its inhabitants with water, and to sell water to the Commonwealth and to the towns of Reading, North Reading and Tewksbury and to the city of Woburn (1926, 276)	Mar. 24, 1927	-2	-
Mar. 29	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act relative to the awarding of certain contracts by the city of Westfield without inviting proposals therefor by advertisements (1927, 113)	Mar. 24, 1927	-2	-
Mar. 29 Apr. 2	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act relative to the filling of vacancies in certain offices in the city of Westfield (1927, 117)	Mar. 5, 1927	-5	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act to erect and constitute in the town of Milton representative town government by limited town meetings (1927, 27)	Mar. 12, 1927	-5	-
	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act relative to the revocation by the town of Milton of reservations of special spaces for the use of street railways (1927, 13)			



Apr. 6	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be borrowed and expended for the improvement of Hull Street in the towns of Cohasset and Hingham (1927, 130)	Apr. 5, 1927	-6
Apr. 9	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be borrowed and expended for the improvement of Hull Street in the towns of Cohasset and Hingham (1927, 130)	Apr. 5, 1927	-7
Apr. 14	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purchase of land in the town of Gay Head for highway and park purposes (1927, 14)	Apr. 13, 1927	-8
Apr. 20	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act providing for a clerk of the district court of Dukes County and of Nantucket and establishing the salaries of the justices and clerks of said courts (1927, 227)	Apr. 14, 1927	-8
Apr. 21	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act relative to the improvement of Ocean Street in the town of Marshfield (1927, 249)	Apr. 20, 1927	-6
Apr. 25	Clerk, Nantucket County Commissioners	An Act establishing the salaries of the sheriffs of Dukes and Nantucket counties (1927, 183)	Apr. 20, 1927	-9
Apr. 25	Clerk, Nantucket County Commissioners	An Act providing for a clerk of the district court of Dukes County and of Nantucket and establishing the salaries of the justices and clerks of said courts (1927, 227)	Apr. 20, 1927	-9
June 2	Assistant City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act placing under the civil service the offices of chief of police, and of chief engineer and permanent assistant engineers of the fire department, of the city of Fitchburg (1926, 34)	Mar. 26, 1926	-2
June 3	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act placing the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Attleboro under the civil service laws (1926, 112)	Nov. 11, 1926	-2
June 3	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act providing for the filling of certain vacancies in the municipal council of the city of Attleboro by election by said council (1927, 281)	May 6, 1927	-2
June 3	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the construction of a highway between Vineyard Haven and Edgartown (1926, 332)	Sept. 7, 1926	-8
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the reconstruction of the East Saugus bridge over the Saugus River between the town of Saugus and the city of Lynn (1926, 293)	Aug. 20, 1926	-10
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Essex to rebuild, repair, alter and reconstruct the causeway over the Waters River in the town of Danvers (1926, 336)	June 22, 1926	-10
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act relative to the widening of Bridge Street in the city of Haverhill (1926, 367)	June 15, 1926	-10
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional funds for the reconstruction of the East Saugus bridge over the Saugus River between the town of Saugus and the city of Lynn (1927, 57)	Mar. 18, 1927	-10
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for certain additions to the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1927, 317)	May 13, 1927	-10
June 3	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to pension Walter E. Coates (1926, 22)	Mar. 2, 1926	-2
June 4	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for the appointment of county health officers in Barnstable County (1926, 133)	June 3, 1926	-11
June 4	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for the further enlargement of the Barnstable County Sanatorium (1927, 55)	Apr. 7, 1927	-11
June 4	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act providing for commissioners of trust funds in the town of Reading (1926, 82)	May 3, 1926	-5
June 4	Town Clerk, Winthrop	An Act providing for the construction of a breakwater or sea wall at Great Head in the town of Winthrop (1926, 388)	Dec. 15, 1926	-4
June 4	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act placing the office of chief engineer of the fire department of the town of Danvers and, under certain conditions, the office of chief of said department, under the civil service laws (1926, 9)	Mar. 22, 1926	1,582
June 6	Assistant Town Clerk, Lexington	An Act to change the method and rate of sewer assessments in the town of Lexington (1926, 221)	May 12, 1926	-5
June 6	Assistant Town Clerk, Lexington	An Act relative to improving the surface and ground drainage in the town of Lexington and in adjoining towns (1926, 263)	May 12, 1926	-5

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

*Concluded*

When received	From whom received	TITLE OF ACT	Date of Action	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1927					
June 7	Town Clerk, Wilbraham	An Act authorizing the town of Wilbraham to purchase water from the city of Springfield for the use of the inhabitants of said town (1926, 295)	Aug. 9, 1926	136	50
June 8	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Barnstable County Sanatorium and enlarging the purposes of said sanatorium (1926, 263)	May 20, 1926	-11	-
June 8	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act establishing the office of second assistant clerk of the Third District Court of Bristol (1926, 69)	Apr. 20, 1926	-12	-
June 8	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act making a necessary correction in the current laws relative to the establishment of the office of second assistant clerk of the Third District Court of Bristol (1926, 389)	Nov. 9, 1926	-12	-
June 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to reimburse James O. Jordan for money paid by him in satisfaction of a certain execution (1927, 79)	June 7, 1927	-2	-
June 10	Town Clerk, Somerset	An Act authorizing the town of Somerset to obtain additional sources of water supply and to supply the town of Dighton with water (1926, 339)	Sept. 28, 1926	260	0
June 13	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the medical examiners and associate medical examiners for Suffolk County (1927, 200)	June 7, 1927	-2	-
June 14	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for the abatement of a public nuisance by the diversion of the waters of Saugus Branch creek in the city of Malden (1927, 234)	June 8, 1927	-2	-
June 14	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the J. B. Blood Company to maintain a bridge over Wheeler Street in the city of Lynn (1927, 86)	June 7, 1927	-2	-
June 21	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act establishing the salaries of the sheriffs of Dukes and Nantucket Counties (1927, 153)	June 2, 1927	-8	-
June 29	Town Clerk, Dartmouth	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and a moderator to serve for a year in the town of Dartmouth (1927, 26)	Mar. 7, 1927	760	441
June 30	Town Clerk, Swampscott	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and a moderator to serve for a year in the town of Swampscott (1927, 300)	May 17, 1927	401	211
July 19	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the justice and clerks of the municipal court of the South Boston district (1927, 294)	July 15, 1927	-2	-
Aug. 11	Assistant City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act authorizing the city of Fitchburg to pay a certain sum of money on account of the death of a fireman killed in the performance of duty (1927, 329)	Aug. 9, 1927	-2	-
Oct. 14	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to continue the payment of a pension to the widow of Daniel T. Dineen (1927, 196)	Oct. 11, 1927	-2	-
Oct. 21	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the use of buildings and premises, the height and bulk of buildings, and the occupancy of lots in specified districts of the city of Boston (1927, 220)	Oct. 18, 1927	-2	-
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act providing for the abatement of the sewage nuisance on the flats of Lynn Harbor and the improvement of said harbor for navigation and commerce (1927, 267)	Nov. 8, 1927	16,605	1,527
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act subjecting the office of city electrician in the city of Gloucester to the civil service laws (1927, 50)	Dec. 6, 1927	1,042	1,549
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act providing for absent voting at municipal elections in the city of Gloucester (1927, 98)	Dec. 6, 1927	2,513	862

Dec. 15	Clerk, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act providing for the acquisition of additional land for the Norfolk County Tuberculosis Hospital and for certain improvements on the property of said hospital (1927, 132)	Apr. 12, 1927	-7	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act to establish non-partisan preliminary municipal elections in the city of Holyoke (1927, 118)	Dec. 6, 1927	5,331	7,443
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Northampton (1927, 265)	Dec. 6, 1927	2,889	1,855
Dec. 20	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the reconstruction of a part of Kernwood bridge over Danvers River between the cities of Salem and Beverly (1927, 232)	Sept. 30, 1927	-10	-
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act increasing the salary of the mayor of the city of Chelsea (1927, 193)	Dec. 22, 1927	5,407	3,710
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act establishing a two-year term of office for the mayor of the city of Chelsea (1927, 155)	Dec. 22, 1927	5,143	4,285

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by the board of selectmen.

<sup>2</sup> Accepted by the city council.

<sup>3</sup> Rejected by the board of aldermen.

<sup>4</sup> Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>5</sup> Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>6</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.

<sup>7</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.

<sup>8</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.

<sup>9</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Nantucket County.

<sup>10</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.

<sup>11</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.

<sup>12</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF THE SHERIFFS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1927, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 37, SECTION 23

COUNTIES	AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED					NUMBER OF DAYS' ATTENDANCE			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commis- sioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultane- ously	Total
Barnstable	\$1,095 20	\$1,620 00	\$2,715 20	—	\$1,620 00	32	—	—	32
Berkshire	2,300 00	200 00	2,500 00	—	—	69	16	4	89
Bristol	3,000 00	20,824 03	23,824 03	—	—	252	5	2	259
Dukes	631 36	340 00	971 36	639 58	8 40	3	—	—	3
Essex	4,981 00	24,243 31	29,224 31	—	—	198	147	—	345
Franklin	1,601 89	1,470 00	3,071 89	—	—	40	—	—	40
Hampden	3,900 00	9,348 71	13,248 71	—	—	201	—	126	327
Hampshire	1,800 00	2,320 00	4,120 00	—	—	50	1	—	51
Middlesex	4,700 00	37,167 12	41,867 12	—	—	1,633	—	202	1,835
Nantucket	691 01	70 00	761 01	—	—	2	—	—	2
Norfolk	4,100 00	7,915 93	12,015 93	—	—	178	—	44	222
Plymouth	3,958 81	11 00	3,969 81	11 00	—	125	38	19	182
Suffolk	3,000 00	63,337 85	66,337 85	—	—	3,073	—	—	3,073
Worcester	4,100 00	32,470 90	36,570 90	—	—	227	—	556	783
Total	\$39,859 27	\$201,338 85	\$241,198 12	\$650 58	\$1,628 40	6,083	207	953	7,243

<sup>1</sup> Allowed to retain fees by statute.



ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 131 OF THE ACTS OF 1924, AND BY CHAPTER 64 OF THE ACTS OF 1927

(Naturalization Business not included)

COUNTIES	Number Pending at Beginning of Year				Number Entered during Year				Number Actually Tried				Number Disposed of by Agreement of Parties or by Order of Court				Number Marked Inactive during the Year under Rule of Court			
	Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Civil Cases			
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce
Barnstable	136	67	41	16	85				29	3			19				31	19	17	15
Berkshire	329	117	97	44	134				23	3			9				54	34	14	44
Bristol	1,500	306	332	188	1,047				136	73	71	2	107				309	67	105	181
Dukes	14	15	10	6	6				1	1			2							
Essex	4,020	481	633	266	1,271				311	61	26	11	323				729	129	246	248
Franklin	210	81	94	29	24				18	3	3	1	8				41	28	31	26
Hampden	2,299	736	565	556	563				203	34	4	272	93				479	213	152	69
Hampshire	215	87	57	40	73				16				46				33	16	12	27
Middlesex	6,795	1,395	936	111	336				472	43	30	24	654				1,301	244	298	34
Nantucket	3																			
Norfolk	1,651	376	195	106	482				107	26	61	8	150				296	74	37	99
Plymouth	1,024	313	195	140	407				87	18	9	39	99				248	86	43	108
Suffolk	18,074	4,215	4,014	406	496				1,149	380	342	89	935				6,266	2,293	1,191	169
Worcester	3,626	761	420	201	303				295	52	43	3	202				490	164	76	190
Total	39,896	8,953	7,589	2,109	5,217				2,848	696	589	452	2,656				15,029	3,292	2,222	1,210

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ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 131 OF THE ACTS OF 1924, AND BY CHAPTER 64 OF THE ACTS OF 1927—Concluded  
(Naturalization Business not included)

COUNTIES	Number Marked Inactive at any Time and Remaining Untried or Undisposed of				Number Pending at End of Year				Number wherein Verdict of Jury in Civil Cases has been set aside by Court on Ground it was Excessive				Criminal Cases				Number of Days during which Court has sat for Hearing					
	Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Criminal Cases				Criminal Cases				Civil Cases					
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Number Returned	Number of Appeals Cases Entered	Number Disposed of Without Trial	Number wherein New Trial has been Ordered	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Criminal Cases	
Barnstable	29	18	17	15	157	81	42	18	57	22	77	108	—	497	1,273	1,736	—	16	—	—	—	8
Berkshire	46	—	—	44	302	130	104	45	169	51	116	143	—	359	671	819	—	33	13 <sup>1</sup>	—	—	19
Bristol	235	67	93	179	1,505	396	368	188	1,151	1	339	819	1	359	671	819	12	159	26	12	1	64
Dukes	—	—	—	—	15	19	8	6	3	6	7	12	—	6	6	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Essex	596	124	243	245	4,182	634	708	267	1,066	2	25	32	—	497	1,273	1,736	370	35	23	2 hrs.	176	
Franklin	38	28	31	25	264	78	101	28	30	25	21	32	—	216	289	490	224	15	5	3	35	19
Hampden	405	172	140	68	2,385	881	675	662	485	2	216	289	2	216	289	490	224	24	34	25	1 <sup>1</sup>	36
Hampshire	33	15	12	27	230	109	73	36	86	92	91	135	—	92	91	135	3	29	1 <sup>1</sup>	5	36	
Middlesex	1,140	435	285	—	7,556	1,707	1,122	78	180 <sup>3</sup>	866	1,648	2,016	3	866	1,648	2,016	3	536	73	24	5	394
Nantucket	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	1	9	—	—	4	4	4	—	4
Norfolk	265	68	34	95	1,812	466	237	105	438	184	386	434	2	184	386	434	1	115	22 <sup>4</sup>	—	—	90
Plymouth	176	68	42	105	982	363	235	187	417	171	380	499	1	171	380	499	1	90	20 <sup>4</sup>	—	—	81
Suffolk	6,257	2,290	1,174	169	20,454	4,894	4,604	325	615	3	983	4,401	8	983	4,401	4,835	8	1,409	168	299	15	673
Worcester	444	154	71	188	3,555	821	516	200	267	—	457	1,386	—	457	1,386	1,683	—	358	50	38	1	168
Total	9,664	3,439	2,142	1,160	43,399	10,583	8,793	2,145	4,964	8	3,930	10,755	12	3,930	10,755	12,942	12	3,361	451 <sup>1</sup>	428 <sup>1</sup>	57 <sup>1</sup> & 2 hrs.	1,775

<sup>1</sup> Including jury waived and equity cases.

<sup>2</sup> Number of days for civil and criminal cases reported as "three days for all classes of cases."

<sup>3</sup> Indictments, 145; appeals cases, 35.

<sup>4</sup> Including equity and divorce cases.